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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Twelve lives were lost in a fire at St. Felician, Quebec. —— The Court of Claims decidedly adversely to the plaintiff in the dispensary case from South Carolina. —— First shots of the war in the Far East on land were exchanged yesterday between Russian and Japanese outposts near Ping Yang. —— A general engagement is not expected to occur for some time. —— Mrs. Helen Wilmans Post, the mental science healer, was sentenced to one year and one day in the penitentiary for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. —— Sixty thousand Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo. —— Concentration of Chinese troops in Manchuria is not relished by the Russians —— The Japanese fleet is said to have orders to attack and capture Port Arthur March 1st. —— Two Japanese torpedo boats were destroyed during the recent fighting. —— Fifteen Japanese warships reported to have bombarded Port Arthur the morning of the 29th; three [illegible] warships were badly damaged. —— Train on the A. C. L. wrecked at Alapaha, Ga. —— Russia claims that it would be a breach of neutrality for the United States to lay a cable from the island of Guam to Japan. —— State troops are guarding the jail at Meridian, Miss., to protect a negro charged with killing a mail clerk and robbing the mail car on the Alabama Great Southern train —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1¾@2 per cent.; cotton quiet. 15⅜c; flour steady and inactive; wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red $1.09; corn—spot easy; No. 2 nominal; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet at 63@63½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 29.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees 8 P. M., 61 degrees: maximum, 74 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 3.19 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday; colder in western portion; Wednesday fair; colder in eastern portion; fresh west to northwest winds.

Port Almanac---March 1.

Sun Rises	6.34 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.55 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 20 M.
High Water at Southport	7.00 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.30 A. M.

We had a chat with "Gentle Annie" yesterday, and she told us the "Spring Time" had "come," for a fact.

The news comes from the country that the bluebirds have begun to sing. This means that spring is near enough for the ground hog to emerge again.

We see it stated that the five civilized Indian tribes in the Indian Territory "are almost all Democrats." Those injuns are more discriminating in their generation than a lot of white "children of light."

The Republican statesmen are casting about for a measure to provide an elastic currency. Col. Bryan ought to have one to dispose of at a reasonable price. We don't know the *Commoner's* advertising rates.

Well, of course, the Panama canal will hardly be an issue in the Presidential campaign. The Senate ratified the treaty by 66 to 14, so most of the Democratic senators became accessories after the fact.

President Harper, of the Chicago University, declares that "$3,000 a year is not enough salary for a full professor." A professor has no business getting full then if it makes him want more money than an editor gets.

Many Democrats in the land will ask the chairman to please consider them "in a sitting posture" till they find out whether the Democratic National Convention will consider the Kansas City platform has enough sound timber left to make it worth while to back up to it with a safety coupler.

The San Domingo coons look so much alike to the American naval officers that they can't distinguish government troops from insurgents. When our war ships go to shoot they ought to wait till they get both armies in a bunch and then they won't miss the right one and won't hit the wrong one.

Former Congressman Shafroth, of Colorado, the apostle of integrity, ought to patronize a Republican clipping bureau. If he could carry a scrap book in his next race for Congress and read all the nice things the Republican editors are saying because he vamoosed the ranch for a Republican contestant, he could easily offset any possible attack on his "ca-rac ter."

The Elmira (N. Y.) *Gazette* recently declared that this country has 10,000 unknown men able to fill the office of President. We are sure a hundred thousand or more men will agree that the estimate is entirely and too insignificantly low. Most any of us are in a position to actually tell you what kind of man a President should be and just what he ought to do.

LOCAL DOTS.

— During February the police made 69 arrests, 20 of the defendants having been white.

— One block of the Market street paving has been completed and work is now progressing on the second block.

— Pay your poll tax before May 1st or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

— The City Board of Audit and Finance will meet to-night. No business of special importance is expected for consideration.

— The will of the late Solomon Bear was admitted to probate yesterday, but none of the provisions of the instrument are of interest to the public.

— A young son of Mr. Fred Griffith fell against a sewing machine yesterday afternoon and cut a bad gash on the side of his head. A physician sewed up the wound.

— In another column Mr. M. J. Heyer officially calls for bids for the foundation work of the handsome new building which he will erect at southwest corner of Front and Chesnut streets.

— Rev. Dr. Thos. Hume, of the chair of English in the State University, preached two fine sermons to overflow congregations at the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

— The STAR has, with the compliments of the Hill Directory Co., Richmond, Va., a copy of its excellent publication, The Virginia and North Carolina Southern Almanac. Price by mail 7 cents.

— "The Situation in the Far East," being a short resume of the sphere of activity in the war between Japan and Russia, is the title of an interesting and valuable paper by Arthur Bender, editor of the "New York Maritime Register." The STAR thanks the author for a copy of the pamphlet with accompanying maps.

— Willie Jones, a white lad, is reported to have been severely beaten by two negroes in St. James' avenue yesterday morning. The boy received a gash in the neck and was otherwise injured. Two white men saw the occurrence and ran toward the scene, but the negroes were fleet of foot and made their escape.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, 29th: "Mr. A. S. Holden, for many years a member of the choir of St. James church in Wilmington, sang with the choir of St. John's church at the 11 o'clock service yesterday, adding greatly to the music. Mr. Holden is an acquisition to Fayetteville's musical circle, having a bass voice of much power and compass."

SAFE BLOWERS AT LATTA, S. C.

Postoffice and Bank Robbed by Yegmen Headed Towards North Carolina.

The police throughout this section have been asked to keep a lookout for safe crackers who visited Latta, S. C., one night last week. Two safes in Mr. J. L. Dew's store were blown open. Out of Mr. Dew's private safe $60 was taken, and out of the safe where postoffice funds were kept $500 in cash and stamps were stolen. The Bank of Latta, under the same roof, was also entered; its vault and safe were blown open also, but for some reason no money was taken. Five men are supposed to have been connected with the robbery, and it is said that they were seen yesterday sixteen miles from Fayetteville. Tools from a neighboring blacksmith shop were used in the robbery.

It is supposed that after getting the vault door open the burglars closed it so the sound from the inside could not be heard, and the jar from the safe being blown open caused the bolts of the vault door to fall in place again and they were locked out. They could have blown open the vault door again and gotten all the $2,500 in there, but did not.

WILL BUILD HANDSOME ARMORY.

Boys' Brigade, Crack Independent Military Organization, to Have a Pretty Home.

There is no more enterprising or ambitious body of young men in the city than the First Battalion, Boys' Brigade of America, founded, fostered and commanded by Col. Walker Taylor. The latest decision of the Brigade—and no one doubts for a moment the success of the movement—is the erection of a handsome armory building at southeast corner of Second and Church streets, the site having been recently purchased from Mr. R. M. Wescott. The residence on the corner has been torn down and removed and it is understood that work upon the new building will begin very soon. Plans for the new armory are being drawn by Mr. Chas. McMillen, the architect. While those in authority are not yet ready to give out full details of the venture, it may be safely stated that the building will be an ornament to that section of the city. It will probably cost between $7,500 and $8,500.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—To contractors.
W. W Hodges—To the public.
Geo. O Gaylord—Unusual offering.
C. D. Gore—Administrator's notice.
N. C. Home Build'g As'n—Statem't.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Pointer puppy.
Lost—Diamond ring.
Radiator—Heat your bath room.
Wanted—Clothing salesman.
Lost—Letter addressed to W.J.Craig

COURTS IN SESSION.

Criminal Terms for Pender and Columbus County Convened Yesterday Morning.

TRIAL OF COLEMAN SMITH.

Probability of Hearing of His Case at Whiteville This Week—Penitentiary Convicts May be Brought to Testify—Other Notes.

Both Columbus and Pender County Superior Courts convened yesterday for terms of one week, Judge Robert B. Peebles and Judge Garland S. Ferguson, respectively, presiding. Pender Court, it is said, will continue only a day or two, as a majority of the attorneys interested are obliged to attend the Supreme Court in Raleigh early this week. Messrs. Marsden Bellamy, C. D. Weeks and R. G. Grady, of the Wilmington bar, went up to Burgaw yesterday to look after several matters on the docket there.

The one-week term of Columbus Court is without interest except for the possibility that Coleman Smith will be placed on trial as an accomplice in the murder of Jesse Soles and Jim Staley, for a part of which Jabel Register paid the death penalty on the gallows at Whiteville Thursday. It was stated yesterday, however, that Smith would probably not be tried until the April term. It will be remembered that he was implicated by the confession of Jabel Register shortly before his execution and in several letters which H. B. Register wrote to his son from the State penitentiary shortly before the hanging. J. B. Schulken, Esq., who was in Wilmington last week, said that the attorneys for the prosecution in the original case would interpose no objection to bringing old man Register to Whiteville to testify for the State, nor Edmondson to testify in behalf of the defendant. H. L. Lyon, Esq., will represent Smith and thinks he can establish an alibi for his client, who was at the home of Mr. W. A. J. Soles, a brother of Jesse Soles, a few minutes before the flare of the burning house was seen upon the horizon. There is some speculation, however, as to the story Edmondson will tell at the second trial and as to the extent he will be influenced by old man Register, who is in the penitentiary with him.

The outcome of the case will be watched with interest.

Guilford Melvin, colored, was tried for his life at Clinton last week on the charge of burning the house of John W. Underwood, a prominent citizen of Sampson county. The jury acquitted him.

SMALLPOX CONDITIONS.

Several Patients Discharged Yesterday. Mrs. Wingate Ill from Exposure.

There appears little doubt now but that the health authorities have the smallpox situation well in hand. No new cases have developed for nearly a week. Mrs. Dodd and children, who had the disease at the residence of Dr. Anders, were discharged Sunday and the room will be fumigated to day. If no other cases develop there, all those in quarantine will be released in fifteen days.

The wife of Janitor Bizzell and two children, who had the disease at the pest house, were released yesterday and a number of those held in the detention house there will be given their liberty this week.

Mrs. Wingate, who escaped from the quarantined residence of Dr. Anders' Saturday morning, is quite sick as the result of exposure and Sunday it was thought best for her husband to come in from the detention house and be with her. Mr. Wingate was some better yesterday.

PURCHASED INSURANSE BUSINESS.

Mr. W. W. Hodges Sells Established Agency to Messrs. Willard & Giles.

Official announcement is made elsewhere in to-day's paper that Mr. W. W. Hodges has sold his entire insurance business to Messrs. Willard & Giles and that they, with Mr. Hodges' assistance, will attend to the renewal of all policies and other matters connected with the agencies of the companies heretofore represented by him. Mr. Hodges asks for the continuance of the same patronage he has received for Messrs. Willard & Giles, with whom he has also arranged for the placing of any new business he may secure.

Messrs. Willard & Giles ask for a continuance of the business with them, as Mr. Hodges will have an interest in the commissions on all his business renewed. The companies now represented by the firm are among the largest and strongest in the country and the best attention is promised to all business.

Appointed Station Master.

Capt. C. E. McCullough, one of the popular freight conductors on the A. & Y. Division, has been appointed temporary station master of the Atlantic Coast Line at Wilmington to succeed Capt. Harry O. McArthur, transferred to Jacksonville, Fla. Capt. McCullough entered upon his new duties Sunday night.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

On the strength of another advance of from 35 to 50 points in New York futures, the local cotton market yesterday went to 14 cents. New York spot was quiet at 15.35. The receipts here yesterday were only nine bales against 1,177 bales same day last year. Naval store quotations are unchanged.

THE TELEGRAPHERS HEARD.

Conference Yesterday Afternoon With General Manager Kenly, of A. C. L. Nothing Official Given Out.

A committee of eleven, representing operators of the Order of Railway Telegraphers on both divisions of the Atlantic Coast Line, were here yesterday and in the afternoon had a conference with General Manager John R. Kenly, with reference to the establishment of a satisfactory operating basis and the adjustment of an equitable wage scale. Members of the committee said that they approached Mr. Kenly in no antagonistic spirit and asked for no perpendicular advance in wages all over the system, but that at certain points an increase was asked. The opinion was expressed that an amicable adjustment of all affairs would result. After the conference both the telegraphers and railway officials said there was nothing for publication.

The telegraphers asked for a conference in December. Mr. Kenly was too busy then to take the matter up, but promised at the time that he would call the committee later and the members were here yesterday at his bidding. Those who are here are as follows: J. H. Williams, chairman, Timmonsville, S. C.; E. L. Whitehead, Halifax; J. H. Land, Chadbourn; J.L. Bridgers, Elrod; Chas. W. Boswell, Salters, S. C.; D. D. McCall, Savannah; C. G. Murray, Callahan, Fla.; John O'Donald, High Springs, Fla.; J. A. Northcutt, Tunice, N. C.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH MAYHEM.

Bit the Lip Off a Fellow Laborer at Cape Fear Mill—Trial Yesterday.

The propensity of the average negro to bite when crowded too closely and the characteristic drooping of his under lip when in passion were exemplified in a case tried by Justice Fowler yesterday. Hamie Jones and George Robinson, two negroes, are employed at the Cape Fear lumber mill. Saturday afternoon they had a difficulty and one attacked the other with a wet slab. Then they both went together. Robinson's lower lip was protruding and Thomas was in a biting mood. He gnashed down on the prominent member of Robinson's facial anatomy and in two it came. A physician who sewed up the lip said that the negro's face would be permanently disfigured, whereupon in the trial Justice Fowler held that there was probable cause to bind Thomas over to the Superior Court on a charge of mayhem. He was committed in default of $50 bond. Robinson was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon but the warrant was amended to simple assault and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

PRETTY AFTERNOON WEDDING.

Miss Katie E. Bell the Charming Bride of Mr. E. B. Snipes—Reception.

A pretty wedding ceremony at the residence of Mr. B. C. Bordeaux, No. 507 North Fifth street, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, joined in marriage Miss Katie E. Bell, the attractive young daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Bell Larkins, and Mr. E. B. Snipes, a well known young grocery salesman of this city. The ceremony was by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present to witness the nuptial event. Miss Bessie Snipes, a sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Mr. G. E. Bell, a cousin of the bride, was best man.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Snipes received the happiest congratulations of their friends at a sumptous wedding supper and reception. The bride and groom will make their home at the residence of Mr. Bordeaux.

Record of March Weather.

Data compiled by the Weather Bureau at Wilmington, covering a period of 33 years, shows the following interesting facts about the average conditions during the month of March: The mean or normal temperature was 55 degrees. The warmest month was March, 1903, with an average of 61. The coldest was March, 1872; average 48. The highest temperature was 87 on March 22nd, 1894. The lowest was 20 on March 5th, 1873. The average date on which last killing frost occurred in Spring was March 27th and the latest date in Spring was May 1st, 1877. The average precipitation for the month was 3.57 inches. The greatest monthly precipitation was 7.09 inches in 1882. The least monthly precipitation was 1.01 inches in 1899. Average number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy days, 10; cloudy days, 9. The prevaling winds have been from the southwest. The highest velocity of the wind was 54 miles from the west on March 17th, 1876.

Death of an Infant.

Donald Ray, the eleven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Brown, No. 1205 North Fourth street, died Sunday morning of pneumonia. The remains were taken on the steamer "C. M. Whitlock" to Still Bluff, N. C., for interment. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, of this city, accompanied the remains and conducted the funeral services.

Wharf Property at Auction.

At noon to-day, at the Court House door, Messrs. Dick & Reilly, real estate agents, will sell at auction, for the owners, the valuable real estate and buildings formerly occupied by the Wilmington Street Railway Co., at foot of Orange street.

GODFREY BOND TRIAL

Col. Harris Exonerated, But Judgment Reserved as to Jones, of Goldsboro.

HELD ON ANOTHER CHARGE.

Sensational Story from Newbern About Affairs of Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad—State Bar Association Meets in Charlotte.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 29.—Judge George H. Brown in the Superior Court here to-day dismissed the bench warrant against Col. J. C. L. Harris for his connection as counsel with the return of the $2,000 stolen State bonds from Chas. C. Jones to H. L. Godfrey, their owner, at Jonesboro. Solicitor Armistead Jones would ask for no judgment for the reason, as he stated, that no law had been violated by Harris in negotiating a return of the stolen bonds.

The Judge took the matter of the warrant against Jones under advisement to announce his decision to-morrow. The charge against both is conspiracy to extort money for the return of stolen bonds.

United States Commissioner Nichols put Jones under a $3,000 bond in a government case growing out of Jones' postage stamp transactions around Goldsboro. The government charge is selling stamps which were stolen. Jones claims to have come into possession of the stamps while conducting a mail order business in Norfolk. E. V. Denton, of Raleigh, became bondsman for Jones until Goldsboro parties can arrive to-morrow to relieve him.

SENSATIONAL STORY ABOUT A. & N. C.

A special from Newbern to-night says that in order that the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad may pay the wages of its employes, a reduction of men is necessary so as to reduce running expenses $1,500 or $2,000 per month. The receiver finds the road hasn't enough money on hand to meet the pay roll due March 1st. Out of twenty-five agents on the road eleven are said to be short in their accounts and notice has been served on their bondsmen to make the shortages good. The road is said to have lost $10,000 on the Atlantic Hotel last season.

STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association met here to-day and selected Charlotte as the place for the next annual meeting of the Association. It was agreed that some date in June be chosen later, the exact date to depend on the date of the Democratic State Convention which is called to meet in Raleigh or Greensboro. Lawyers will be expected to continue their trip from the Democratic Convention to the Bar Association. The committee elected F. A. Woodard, of Wilson, chairman, and Z. V. Walser, secretary.

WILMINGTON PYTHIANS WILL ATTEND.

Second District Gathering of Knights at Newbern To-morrow Night.

At the regular meeting of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, last night, the matter of sending a delegation to the Second District meeting at Newbern on Wednesday night of this week was discussed with enthusiasm. It was at length decided to send a part of the crack degree team of the lodge to assist with the exemplification of the secret work of the order, which will be a feature of the meeting. Other members of the lodge were also urged to attend. A low rate for the round trip has been secured from the Atantic Coast Line and the visit will require but very little absence from the city. The present plan is to leave on the afternoon train Wednesday, attend the meeting at night, return on the special train over the A. & N. C. to Goldsboro and catch the train there which arrives at Wilmington at 10:10 in the morning.

All Pythians of the city who would like to attend the meeting are asked to meet with Clarendon Lodge to-night, when the matter will be still further considered. The meeting at Newbern promises to be a very large one and a number of well known Pythians in the Grand Lodge will be in attendance.

Mayor Fines Heavily.

Ten Saturday night offenders were fined an aggregate of $55 and costs and one was given a straight sentence of 30 days to the roads by the Mayor yesterday. Three others couldn't pay the fine imposed and also went to the roads. Gealie James, drunk and disorderly, and Silvy Jones and Taylor Richardson, disorderly conduct, were fined $10 each. The other fines were $5 each, except in the case of one defendant who was drunk and preferred forfeiting his bond to appearing in court.

Agent of Fayetteville Steamers.

Mr. John S. McEachern, a former member of the D. McEachern Company and a young man of wide experience in river affairs, has become agent at Wilmington of the steamers "City of Fayetteville" and "A. P. Hurt," of the South Atlantic Transit Co. His office is at the wharf of Mr. T. D. Love which the steamers will continue to use.

Bowling Alley Prize Winners.

Pursuant to announcement of the Pastime Bowling Alley management the players making the highest scores during the series in February will begin a contest for a $50 prize on March 1st. Some of those entitled to enter the contest and their scores are as follows: H. M. Croswell, 243; W. A. Little, 234; George Davis, 233; B. H. Bridgers, 230; Tom Myers, 227.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— H. B. Maxwell, Esq., of Whiteville, was here yesterday.

—Miss Kate Stuart, of Southport, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. R. J. Rivenbark, of Darlington, S. C., spent Sunday here.

— Hon. B. H. Bunn, of Rocky Mount, was in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. R. K. Bryan and little son are the guests of relatives in the city.

— Mr. W. A. Frink, of Shallotte, was here yesterday on a business trip.

— Mr. J. Q. Anderson, of Saginaw, Mich., is in the city on business.

— Mr. W. J. Edwards, of Sanford, was a guest at The Orton Sunday.

— Miss May MacAlister, of Asheboro, N. C., is visiting her uncle, Mr. B. G. Worth.

— Miss Stella Shrier is back from a very pleasant visit to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla.

— Messrs. G. W. Harrison and C. F. Whitted, Seaboard Air Line officials, are at The Orton.

— Mr. R. C. Platt, of the popular dry goods firm of Platt & Haar, is in New York buying goods.

— Capt. H. O. McArthur and family left Sunday afternoon for their new home in Jacksonville, Fla.

— Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy went to Raleigh yesterday to argue several cases before the Supreme Court.

— Messrs. I. Shrier and E. L. Davis have gone north to purchase an entirely new stock of Spring clothing.

— Capt. F. H. Jocson, of Philadelphia, a travelling man who comes often to Wilmington, is at The Orton.

— Mrs. T. A. Smoot, of Fayetteville, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary E. McGirt, 326 South Fourth street.

— Col. N. A. McLean, of Lumberton, was here Sunday on his way to attend Columbus Superior Court at Whiteville.

— Mr. W. R. Guion, of Newbern, a travelling man who has a host of friends in Wilmington, is here calling on the trade.

— M. C. E. Weatherby, of Faison, is among the well known and highly esteemed travelling men here calling on the trade.

— Deputy Sheriff Harvey Cox came home Sunday from Durham, where he had been ill for several days upon his return from Raleigh.

— Dr. J. Leham, representing the Sultzberger-Oppenheimer Company, manufacturers of cigars, Philadelphia, is here calling on the trade.

— The numerous friends of ex-Mayor S. H. Fishblate will be glad to know that he was able to sit up some last night. He has been quite sick for ten days or more.

— Durham *Herald*: "J. H. Kirkland, of Wilmington, and R. P. Kirkland, of Lynchburg, are on a visit to their brothers, J. S. and A. M. Kirkland, in this city."

— Mrs. Fletcher Manning and daughter, Miss Edith Manning, who have been spending the Winter here, left yesterday afternoon via Newbern for their home in Brooklyn.

— Messrs. J. J. Wolfenden and S. E. Sullivan, of Newbern, of arrived in the city yesterday on their way to Green Swamp, Brunswick county, where Mr. Wolfenden and others are investing a large amount of capital in developing the timber interests of the big swamp.

— Mrs. J. L. Pinner and Mr. Frank Pinner left Sunday night for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of Mr. Lawrence Pinner, who is taking a course at the business college located there. Young Mr. Pinner was removed to a hospital Sunday.

— Mr. George W. Blacknall, the popular travelling salesman of Messrs. Frank Teller & Co., the widely known Philadelphia cigar manufacturers, was here yesterday, calling on the trade. His house manufactures the famous "Royal Blue" five cent cigar, which has held such unrivalled popularity in Wilmington so many years.

St. Paul's New Rector.

The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal church are warm in their praise of Rev. A. W. Seabrease, the new rector of the parish. He preached two admirable sermons last Sunday which were heard by large congregations. Mr. Seabrease is a man of fine presence, with a strong, sonorous voice; and, while quiet rather than vigorous in his delivery, is strong and impressive, and attracts the close attention of his auditors. He bids fair to become a prime favorite with his parishioners and to accomplish a great work in behalf of the "Little Church on the Corner."

Teachers' Meeting Saturday.

The meeting of New Hanover county teachers next Saturday will be called to order promptly at 10:30 o'clock in the grand jury room of the Court House. Prof. Catlett will preside and speak to the teachers upon the best methods of instruction in arithmetic and grammar. Miss Kathleen Elmore will read an instructive and interesting paper entitled "Requisites for Success in Teaching." A general discussion of educational matters, participated in by all the teachers, will follow. A large attendance is expected.

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Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received up to noon March 7th, 1904, for the excavation and foundation walls for a building to be erected on the corner of Front and Chesnut streets, Wilmington, N. C. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Chas. McMillen, Architect, 225 North Front street. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
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Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of Alonzo Gurley, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to deceased to make immediate payment to me, and all persons to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me, properly verified and proven on or before the 1st day of March, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

Dated and posted this 29th day of February, 1904. C. D. GORE, Administrator
Alonzo Gurley, deceased.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.
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Valuable Real Estate
AND WHARF PROPERTY
For Sale at Auction.

We will sell at auction on March 1st, 1904, 12 o'clock noon, at Court House door, Wilmington, N. C., property at corner of Orange and Water streets, including vacant lot on Orange street, Power House and Wharf, formerly occupied by Wilmington Street railway as a power station. As an investment no property in the city is better.

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I have this day sold to Messrs. Willard & Giles my entire insurance business. They, with my assistance, will attend to the renewal of all policies. Any other matters connected with the agency of the companies heretofore represented by me will also be attended to by them.

I ask for them the continuance of the same patronage I have received as it will be greatly to my interest that all my business shall be renewed in their office.

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Respectfully,
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Having purchased the insurance business of Mr. W. W. Hodges we respectfully request all customers of Mr. Hodges to continue their patronage to us. Mr Hodges will have an interest in the commissions on all his business renewed.

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We promise our very best attention to all business placed with us.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 1.

THE PLATFORM AND THE CANDIDATE.

From next Sunday, March 6th, it will be just four months till the time the National Democratic Convention will assemble at St. Louis to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. In the next ninety days the delegates will be chosen to that convention and the question to be decided now is whether delegates will go to St. Louis committed to a reaffirmation of the Kansas City Platform or not.

It is hardly worth while to consider who will be the nominee of that convention until it is known what the platform is to be like. We are confident, however, that it will be a platform in which the Kansas City declarations will not cut any ice. The signs of the times point to the fact that while the Hon. William J. Bryan is listened to with respect throughout the South, he must prepare himself for disappointment if he expects Southern Democrats to go there with any idea of reaffirming the Kansas City platform. We infer this much from the tone of the Southern press. Col. Bryan recently addressed the Legislatures of South Carolina and Virginia, and we understand that he has wasted his words so far as impressing leading Democrats in either of those States that there is anything to be gained in considering for a moment a platform which the voters of America have twice rejected. On the contrary, Democrats in South Carolina and Virginia, after hearing Col. Bryan, consider that there would be everything to lose by exploiting the "raw head and bloody bones" again. If we have read aright, the same can be said of North Carolina and all Southern States, but Mississippi has more directly emphasized that sentiment than any other Southern State. The General Assembly of Mississippi, almost by a unanimous voice, decline to invite Col. Aryan to speak before that body.

With anything like a reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform at St. Louis, the public has in mind but two logical candidates for the nomination—Col. Bryan first and Wm. R. Hearst second. Col. Bryan has several times stated that he was no candidate himself, but the Kansas City *Journal* figures out his position in this extract:

> It is becoming plainer every day that when Mr. Bryan speaks of a man who is in sympathy with what the Democratic party has stood in recent years he has reference to Hearst, the New York editor. In fact, there is believed to be some sort of a compact between the two by which the Bryan influence is to be thrown to the New York candidate.

In our opinion Col. Bryan's activity in the campaign presents just two questions. The first is reaffimation of the Kansas City platform and the other is as to who will be the nominee on a platform with anything like reaffirmation in it. If Col. Bryan succeeds in his present canvass for reaffirmation, the question as to who will be the nominee is easily answered. Col. Bryan represents the ideals of that platform and is their strongest exponent, therefore Bryan would be the man. That is the logic of that proposition. So what is the use of saying Bryan's efforts are in behalf of Hearst? If the Kansas City platform is adopted, the convention will surely turn to Col. Bryan as the biggest man to offer on this third altar of the Democratic sacrifice. If Bryan could not be elected upon it, certainly Mr. Hearst, as fearless and honest as he is, could not hope for success. This is not saying anything against Mr. Hearst, who has as much right as any man to aspire to the Presidency.

Instead of a campagain to heal the breach in the Democratic ranks we find that the very question which disunited the party has been made a vital issue in selecting the delegates. Just where any harmony can come out of that we are not able to discern. The situation, we think, is sized up in this from that staunch old Democratic paper, the Philadelphia *Record*:

> What is called "the Bryan-Hearst boom" is receiving very general encouragement at the hands of the Republican press. It is fully recognized by the opponents of the Democratic party that if by any means the Bryan-Hearst combination should obtain sufficent strength to dictate the choice of a candidate for the Presidency, the result of the election would be foredetermined. In that event there would be no need that the friends of Roosevelt should lift a hand to elect him.

We do not presume that Senator Gorman, Judge Parker, Mr. Olney or any other Democrats of that class would accept a nomination on a platform of reaffimation, so it is hardly necessary to discuss candidates seriously till it is known what that St. Louis platform is to look like. It does not appear, however, that any of those spoken of for the nomination have laid down a platform upon which they could base a chance to win, hence we see no marked movement of the people flocking to any one man's standard.

Altogether it is a rather curious campaign for the nomination. At this writing it looks like the chances for harmony will have to come after we know what the platform is to be and who is to stand on it.

EASY TO GO WRONG.

A Wilmington Contractor Points Out the Right Path.

It's so easy to make a terrible mistake when your very life depends upon your decision. This is because you may not realize that your existence hangs in the balance. This is the case when a continuous backache begins to warn you that your kidneys are out of order, and that failure to go to the rescue will subject you to the dread possibility of diabetes, Bright's disease or dropsy. It's just as easy to take heed and to go the right way. A prominent Wilmington contractor points it out.

P. C. Le Moyne, contractor, of 223 North Seventh street, says: "I did not know that the trouble with my back was caused by my kidneys not acting properly, although I noticed the secretions from those organs were dark and very irregular, some times free and at other times scanty. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I was surprised at the result, for I have not had backache since I used them. I also got a box of Doan's Ointment. I have had itching hemorrholds or piles for years, and tried everything I knew of without benefit. Doan's Ointment gave me instant relief. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills in England some years ago, and until now I was under the impression that they were made only in England. In addition to my backache being cured the kidney secretions have all cleared up and become normal since using the Pills."

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RIVERS AND HARBORS TO BE LOOKED AFTER.

Chairman Burton, of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, recently assured the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce that the present plans of improvement of the Cape Fear river and bar, at and below Wilmington, will be carried out. While the present Congress will make no appropriation for river and harber improvements, owing to the other great expenses of the government and a large deficit in the revenues, it is gratifying that the work here will not be allowed to deteriorate, although we cannot have any appropriation to enlarge the scope of the work.

According to Chairman Burton there will be no appropriation this year, but he has given out the statement that there is a balance of $38,000,000 from former appropriations unused and the Sundry Civil bill will carry an $8,000,000 appropriation for kindred improvements, making in all $46,000,000, which is twice as much as is likely to be called for this year. This statement will abolish any apprehension there may have been of a temporary suspesion of such necessary work as the dredging of channels to keep them up to the width and depth contemplated under the present plans.

GOLD HUNTING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

It seems that there is a revival of gold hunting in North Carolina. The STAR has contained several news items lately about the opening of mines in several counties in the auriferous belt of this State, and a number of successful ventures have been made.

There is no telling what treasure lies beneath the soil of the Old North State, but we confidently believe it is there. In one of the counties in the western part of the State we once saw a gold bearing, "honey-combed" quartz rock which the owner would not part with on an offer of $20. The rock was not much larger than an ordinary man's head, and its owner allowed the writer the scrapings from one of its pockets, the result being that we got $5 worth of his gold. Just what such ore as that would assay would be hard to tell.

In this connection we see an item to the effect that through the discovery of gold and copper ores of fabulous values former Congressman P. J. Scmers, of Milwaukee, bids fair to become one of the most noted magnates of Colorado. The assays of specimens taken from near the surface show gold running as high as $10,000 a ton.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep and nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver and kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic and effective nervine, and the greatest all round medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia, and expels malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greensboro *Record*: Now, by gosh, we told you the Southern railway was monkeying with the A. & N. C. R. R. It's been thrown in the hands of a receiver and of course the Southern did it with its little hatchet?

— Fayetteville *Observer*: We have heard it asked "what is Mr. Bryan after in his tour of the country?" and those who do not approve of the application of Democratic principles to the government of the country naturally reply that he is bent on "mischief." That is true, if the word can be properly used in describing a good act. Mischief to those who desire to continue the prevalence of the Republican doctrine of class legislation.

— Raleigh *Times*: We do not see that there is any necessity for any excitement, or for making dire predictions over the fact that a receiver has been appointed for the A. & N. C. railroad; for in this case we take it the appointment of such a receiver is only the preliminary step to an investigation which will bring out all the facts in reference to the condition of the property. And, as was stated in this paper yesterday, if it shall appear that the private stockholders' contention is not sustained, this action will no doubt be promptly annulled. On the other hand, if the condition of the property shall appear as claimed by the stockholders, then they are entitle to the relief asked for in this petition for a receiver, and will no doubt get it.

— Durham *Herald*: It is estimated by tobacconists here that seventy per cent. of the present crop has been sold. During the next sixty days it is expected that practically the entire crop will be marketed. During this week there has been sold in Durham between four and five hundred thousand pounds of the leaf and the average price paid has been about ten cents. This information was given the reporter by tobacconists and warehousemen. One tobacconist said yesterday that the manufacturers and handlers of tobacco generally were greatly fooled in the crop this year. At the beginning of the season it was estimated that the crop would be forty per cent larger than it was last year and the results have shown it to be about forty per cent. smaller. There was acreage for a larger crop than the one a year ago, but the yield was not so great. Again, the tobacco this year has not the weight of last year. These two things fooled all and accounted for the low prices of the early season.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, O. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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I assure you that I wish you abundant success in the marketing of your Pyxis Croup Remedy, as it is all that you recommend it to be.

Yours very truly,
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— "Have you ever done anything to entitle you to the gratitude of posterity?" "No," answervd Senator Sorghum; "and when I see some of the statuary that is scattered about I don't feel like tempting posterity to be too grateful.—*Washington Star.*

— "I hope——" began the Cheerful Idiot. "Indeed," remarked the Third Citizen, "I thought you were beyond hope!" "I hope," continued the Cheerful Idiot, ignoring the roast, that the additional frogs on the army overcoats will not lead to any increase in military toadyism." —*Baltimore American.*

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of New Hanover county, in the case of Joseph Turner and Emma Turner vs. Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, the undersigned commissioner will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1904, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, the following property: Beginning in the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet west of the western line of Eighth street, runs thence west with the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet; thence east parallel with Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 52.

T. E. BROWN,
Commissioner.

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FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 29.—Cotton: Spot, in moderate demand; prices 20 points higher; American middling fair 8.26d; good middling 8.10d; middling 8.00d; low middling 7.92d; good ordinary 7.84d; ordinary 7.64d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,200 bales American. Receipts 5,000 bales, including 4,500 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed firm; American middling (g o c): March 7.29d; March and April 7.94d; April and May 7.94d; May and June 7.95d; June and July 7.93d; July and August 7.91d; August and September 7.69d; September and October 6.87d; October and November 6.50d.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—1 bale cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 12 barrels rosin, 67 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—1 cask spirits turpentine.

Schooner Leo—6 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin.

Steamer Alice—6 barrels rosin, 215 barrels tar.

Total—9 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 297 barrels rosin, 67 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip, $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 65c; rosin firm at $1.85@1.90; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.25, 3.75@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	13
Rosin	297
Tar	67
Crude turpentine	7

Receipts same day last year—12 casks spirits turpentine, 27 barrels rosin, 456 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 14c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 9⅝c for middling.

Receipts—9 bales; same day last year, 1,177.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 95c; extra prime, $1.00; fancy, $1.05, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.05.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Money on call easy at 1¾@2 per cent.; last bid 1¾ per cent., offered at 2 per cent; time money steady; sixty days 3½@4 per cent.; ninety days 3½@4 per cent.; six months 4@4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.70@486.75 for demand and at 483.85@483.90 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 484@484½ and 487½. Commercial bills were 483½. Bar silver 58¼. Mexican dollars 46. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 105; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 106; do. coupon, 106½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 106½; do. coupons, 107½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 132½; U. S. 4's, old, coupon, 132½; U. S. 5's, registered, —; do. coupon, —; Southern Railway, 5's, 111½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 86; Chesapeake & Ohio 29½; Manhattan L 141½; New York Central 113⅝; Reading 39¾; do. 1st pref'd, 75; do. 2nd pref'd 55½; Southern Railway 18½; do. pref'd 78½; Amalgamated Copper 46⅝; People's Gas 97½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 35; U. S. Leather 6⅞; U. S. Leather, preferred, 77½; Western Union 87½; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 56; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 28½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 100; sales — shares. Standard Oil 610.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 29.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 8@8½; do. preferred, 15@15½; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 103 bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet at 63@63½c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 29.—Spirits turpentine and rosin nominal; nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 29.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 59c; receipts 98 casks; sales 41 casks; exports 67 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,126 barrels; sales 1,560 barrels; exports 251 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 40; D, $2 40; E, $2 45; F, $2 50; G, $2 55; H, $2 60; I, $2 95; K, $3 25; M, $3 30; N, $3 35; W G, $3 55; W W, $3 75.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The cotton market opened strong at an advance of twenty-two to thirty-eight points, with trading active and attended by considerable excitement. The initial gain was rather more due on the cables and seemed to be of a more general character than that recently noted. In fact, the buying could be traced to no special source. Wire houses and commission houses generally seemed to have a good supply of buying orders, leading to the belief that the demand was in response to the strong statistical situations reflected by the week-end visible supply statement which undoubtedly received a wide circulation over Sunday and while there was heavy realizing from the start this simply rendered the market rather irregular, as the general undertone was firm. Receipts for the day were rather small, but the estimates for to-morrow showed a continued light movement, and the prospect of a cotton famine later in the season seemed to restrict selling even for profits. At any rate the advance carried March to 15.01 and May and July 15.41. These prices represented an advance of fifty-three and sixty-three points on the positions named and were followed by a rather lighter demand and a reaction under realizing of from twenty to thirty points. After this there was a period of irregularity. There seemed little pressure against the market. On the other hand demand seemed about exhausted and fluctuations consequently ruled irregular until just before the close when the local bull leader just returned from Chicago entered the ring and bidding aggressively soon forced Mar up to 15.06, May to 15.55 and July to 15.44. The close was steady, at practically the best prices, or net nineteen to sixty-four points higher. Sales were estimated at 700,000 bales. The late advance was aided by the firmness of the Southern spot markets, which reported a full response to the advance in futures, and a prominent Philadelphia spot interest was reported to be a heavy buyer, as well as the bull leader. Exports are running very light, and while spot markets are reflecting the bullishness of sentiment among holders as very firm, the demand for actual cotton does not appear to be particularly satisfactory and interior holders are said in some instances to be hedging their supplies in the futures market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Cotton quiet at 15¾; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 100 bales; stock 77,865 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 25 points higher; middling uplands 15.35; middling gulf 15.60c; sales — bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: March 15.05, April 15.28, May 15.44, June 15.41, July 15.42, August 14.89, September 13.20, October 12.27, November 11.97, December 11.87.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 15,215 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,693 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 150 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 643,345 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 21,247 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,031 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 15,428 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico 1,603 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,397,410 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,918,661 bales; exports to France 634,611 bales; exports to the Continent 2,216,405 bales; exports to Japan 37,188 bales; exports to Mexico 23,971 bales.

Feb 27.—Galveston, firm at 14⅝c, net receipts 7,117 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 700 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 15.00c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 15.10, net receipts 55 bales; Wilmington, steady at 14.00c, net receipts 9 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 15.60c, net receipts 100 bales; Savannah, firm at 15c, net receipts 372 bales; New Orleans, firm at 14⅝c, net receipts 6,785 bales; Mobile, nominal at 14½c, net receipts 58 bales; Memphis, firm at 14⅝c, net receipts 1,550 bales; Augusta, quiet at 15½c, net receipts 285 bales; Charleston, nominal at 15c, net receipts — bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Flour was steady and inactive; Minnesota patents $5 30@5 75. Rye flour firm. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red $1 09. Options closed easy at 1⅞@2½c net decline—May closed $1 03¾; July closed 99⅜c; September closed 91½c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 nominal. Options opened nominally ½c lower. Sales included; May closed 61⅞c; July closed 70½c. Oats—Spot barely steady; No. 2 56c. Pork steady. Lard easy: Western steam $8 00@8 25; refined easy; continent $8 25. Butter—Market firm; extra fresh creamery 26c; State dairy 14@22c. Cheese quoted firm; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12; late made 10½; small white, September 12; late made 10½c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania nearby average finest 22c. Peanuts were firm; fancy hand-picked, 5½c; other domestic 3½@6½c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $3 00@3 62; Jerseys $3 00@3 37; Jersey sweets $1 50@4 00; State and Western sacks $2 75@2 80. Cabbage firm; domestic, per ton, $25 00@35 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Molasses firm. Sugar—Raw quoted firm; fair refining 2⅞@2 29 32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅜@3 13-32c; molasses sugar 2⅝@2 21-32c; refined firm. Cotton seed oil was moderate, the market holding steady at unchanged quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 32½@33c; prime summer yellow 39½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 41@41½c; prime winter yellow 41½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—An increase of Russian shipments of wheat, notwithstanding the war, sent the May delivery back past the dollar mark to-day. March touched 98⅝c in the midst of excitement, paralleling the remarkable scenes which attended the spectacular leap across the line ten days ago. Pork slumped more than a dollar a barrel. Compared with Saturday's final figures the close to-day is 2⅝c off for May wheat and 2@2½c for July. May corn closed unchanged. Oats are down ¼@⅜c. Provisions show a net loss of 10 to 75c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Cash prices: Flour was easier. Wheat—No. 2 spring 93@$1 00; No. 3 spring 90@1 00; No. 2 red 98½@$1 05. Corn—No. 2 53c; No. 2 yellow 54. Oats—No. 2 42½@43c; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 42½@47c. Rye—No. 2, —c. Mess pork, per bbl., $15 25@15 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 60@7 65. Short rib sides, loose, $7 62½@7 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, not reported. Short clear sides, boxed, $7 57@8 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 01¼, 1 03¾, 1 03¾, 99½, 101; July, old, 97, 97⅜, 94⅜, 95½@95½c; do., new, 96½, 96½, 93⅜, 94½@94⅜c; September, old, 90½@90⅜, 91, 88⅜, 89c; do., new, 89⅜, 90½, 87½, 88½c. Corn—No. 2 February 53⅝c; May 56½, 56⅞, 55⅝, 56⅝c; July 55⅜, 55⅜, 53⅞, 55½@55½c. Oats—No. 2 May 45, 45½@45⅜, 44⅜, 44⅜@44⅞c; July 42, 42, 41⅜, 41⅜c; September 36, 36½, 35⅜, 35¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $15 80, 16 00, 14 95, 15 37½; July $15 80, 16 00, 14 95, 15 42½. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 92½, 7 95, 6 65, 7 87½; July $8 05, 8 10, 7 80, 8 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $7 92, 7 92½, 7 47½, 7 82½; July $7 95, 8 02½, 7 52½, 7 90.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady; mild steady. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5@10 points in sympathy with rather firmer European markets. The close was steady at a partial decline of 5 points. Sales 58,500 bags.

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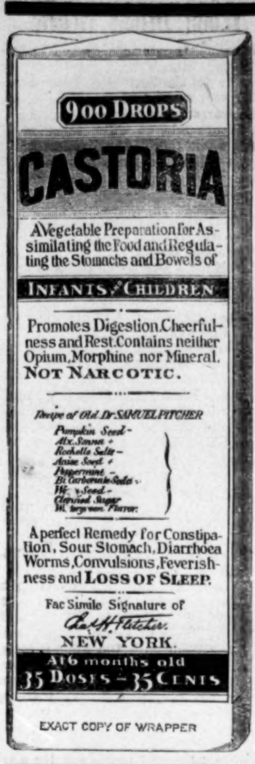
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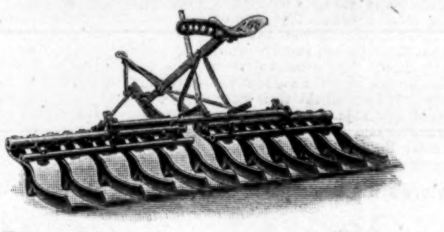

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At close of business Jan. 22, 1904. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		*LIABILITIES:*	
Loans and Discounts	$1,090,218 90	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	113,041 46
Bank Building	29,500 00	Circulation	200,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	663,768 89	Deposits	1,520,436 33
	$2,133,477 79		$2,133,477 79

Comparative statement of deposits.

Jan. 22nd, 1902, $657,506 75.
Jan. 22nd, 1903, $1,204,812 90
Jan. 22nd, 1904, $1,520,436 33.

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Demands of Chamber of Commerce and Reply of President Barr Thereto.

UNION DEPOT FACILITIES.

Better Freight and Passenger Service Asked—Matter Will Now Go to the Corporation Commission--Early Morning Mail Train.

Demands of the Wilmington Chamber Commerce, Submitted to President Barr.

1. That all stations between Wilmington and Hamlet, which were open twelve months previous to November the 18th, 1903, be continued as heretofore.

2. That the schedules for the through freight service from Wilmington to Hamlet, and vice versa, be maintained by the employment of engines of sufficient power to perform the service, and that close freight connection and prompt transfer be made at Hamlet.

3. That better and adequate terminal service be provided at Wilmington, in the way of better and more sidetracks, and more efficient yard engines.

4. That a daily passenger train leaving Wilmington at an early hour in the morning and returning to Wilmington at a late hour in the evening, be established. The schedules to be adjusted so as to make connection at Hamlet.

5. That your company arrange with the Atlantic Coast Line for a union passenger depot at the latter's Front street terminal.

6. That the Wilmington agency be clothed with freight division powers.

PRESIDENT BARR'S REPLY.

Portsmouth, Feb. 10, 1904.

Mr. J. A. Taylor, President, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Referring again to your favor of December 30, 1903, enclosing copy of resolutions adopted by the chamber of commerce of Wilmington, December 29, 1903.

The receipt of your letter and resolutions named, was acknowledged by me on the 5th ultimo, and the same would have had earlier reply except for absence and press of work. I now beg to say in reply, after examination and full consideration:

1. The freights we receive at Wilmington for interior points (other than those on the Carolina Central proper) consist largely of fertilizer materials. Our facilities at this point for handling these materials are fully adequate to meet all calls upon us. We have, within the past 60 days, provided an additional warehouse at this point for handling these materials.

2. With all possible respect, I beg to say that it has not been at any time the policy of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to restrict in any manner the development or business of the city of Wilmington. The service now furnished, and that which has been furnished in the past, fully accommodates the business thereof. Outside of fertilizer materials, the business received by this road at Wilmington is destined largely to local points on the Carolina Central railroad, and the business brought into the city of Wilmington by the road named originates largely at local points on said road. Practically the only through business delivered at Wilmington by this road is from the west, northwest and southwest, consisting largely of provisions. The Seaboard Air Line has [illegible] participated largely in all rail movement of freight from the north, by reason of its long line, and never can so long as rates are maintained. It is the policy of the management of the Seaboard to provide such service on the Carolina Central as will bring about its fullest development as a local line. It does not form a part of a through line except as here stated. If any other course were pursued, it would be unwise and unprofitable.

3. Some 12 months or more ago, when demand was made by your body for better service, a meeting was had therewith by me, at which it was stated that the service asked would not pay of itself; and because of this the proposition was made you that the service asked would be provided if assurance was given by your body that sufficient additional freight business would be routed by the Seaboard to recoup it for its loss. This extension of aid on your part was respectfully declined. Notwithstanding this, however, the additional service which was asked was subsequently provided, and has since been maintained.

4. The terminals we have at Wilmington, except as they have been added to since are the same as were provided by the builders of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherfordton road. The amount of business which this road was to secure at this point was largely determined by the original owners of the road in locating the terminals thereof. These terminals are remote from the jobbing center, and are less accessible relocate the terminals of this road more advantageously than they now are. The business to be secured thereby would not justify the cost thereof.

5. With all possible respect, I beg to say that the Seaboard Air Line Railway is not subjected to keener competition at Wilmington than at many other points. It has but one competitor at that point whose terminals are most advantageously located. Because of this fact, and because this line (the Atlantic Coast Line) has the direct and through line between the north, Wilmington and the south, it is impossible for the Seaboard to compete therewith on a parity.

The powers of the agent of this company have always been and are now broad enough to enable him to fully protect our interests and meet all calls made upon us in handling the business of your city.

6. As stated in the last paragraph, our agent at Wilmington has sufficient discretion to efficiently handle our business at that point. No agent of this company at any point has the power to name rates of his own initiative. If any one of them had, it would be practically impossible to handle our business in a manner to preserve peace with our competitors.

7. Our agent at Wilmington is permitted to exercise the same discretion in the settlement of freight claims that agents are at other similar points, such as Savannah, Jacksonville and Atlanta.

8. The Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherfordton road, I am informed, was built through between Wilmington and Rutherfordton during the year 1872 or 1873; within a few years thereafter it passed into the hands of a receiver because it failed to earn its fixed charges. It was reorganized under the name of the Carolina Central railroad, and was subsequently purchased by the Seaboard Air Line Railway. From the time of its purchase, there has been a steady and continuous increase in business handled thereupon. To-day its earnings are larger than they have been at any time in the past.

9. Our terminal facilities at Wilmington are adequate to meet the needs of the business which we enjoy at that place. As soon as they become inadequate they will be enlarged as conditions demand. These facilities are in a thoroughly safe and orderly condition, and are being fully maintained. The line between Wilmington and Hamlet is thoroughly safe for the movement of traffic, and is in better condition today than it has been at any time within the past five years, as I am informed by men who have been connected with the line for years past. Its immunity from accident during the past two and one-half years fully supports this statement.

In determining whether or not the Seaboard Air Line Railway is getting its share of the business of Wilmington, all existing conditions must be considered. As stated above, the location of the terminals of the Seaboard in Wilmington is such as to greatly restrict the business secured by us therein. In addition, the presence of the general offices and general repair shops of the Atlantic Coast Line therein further limits our business; and these two conditions, added to the disability attaching to a branch line, make it impossible for us to secure a share of the business of your city in any manner approximating that secured by the Atlantic Coast Line. The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad is being operated under conditions substantially similar to those under which the Carolina Central is operated. The business secured thereby at Wilmington, notwithstanding the better location of terminals used by it, is no larger than the business secured by the Carolina Central through terminals less advantageously situated.

Further, the service furnished by the Seaboard at Wilmington, both passenger and freight, is fully equal to that furnished thereat by the Atlantic Coast Line on any of its branch lines entering that city.

10. We are at the present time running one passenger train per day each way between Wilmington and Charlotte, one mixed train each way per day between Wilmington and Hamlet, and one freight train per day each way between Wilmington and Hamlet, and one freight train per day each way between Wilmington and Hamlet. This service not only fully meets the needs of the line, but is equal to the service provided on any branch line, but is equal to the service provided on any branch line of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad entering your city. Whenever the business of the Wilmington line in providing service service, we will have more pleasure in providing it than could be experienced by any man doing business in the city of Wilmington.

In conclusion I beg to say that there has been no discrimination against the Wilmington line providing service thereupon. It has received as full consideration in this respect as any other line forming a part of our system. The service provided on the Wilmington line today fully meets the needs thereof. If we provided additional service, it would be done at a loss.

Yours truly,
J. M. BARR,
President.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR'S REPLY.

February 24, 1904.

Mr. J. M. Barr, President, Portsmouth, Va.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge your favor of the 10th instant. I would have replied earlier except that I hoped for an answer to my last letter submitting to you the requirements of the Wilmington trade as respects terminal facilities and freight and passenger service, but I am now led to suppose that your letter of the 10th was intended as a blanket reply to all my communications, therefore, I write without further delay. For convenience I will answer your letter under divisions as you have them grouped, as far as practicable.

1. The complaint that you offered no facilities for through business via Wilmington of course had reference to the advantageous location of Wilmington as an Atlantic port of your system, which position is far more favorable than either Norfolk, or Savannah, at which point you have a through business. I stated at the time that we had no recourse other than an appeal to the intelligence of your management, and of this I had no hope. The facilities that you have offered here for the Armour Packing Company, Fertilizer depot is of no real advantage to Wilmington, and of this I take it that you are cognizant. We cannot be pacified by a tub to the whale.

2. Your line is only 121 miles longer from Virginia gateways to Wilmington than is the Atlantic Coast Line, and until your transportation virtually broke down, your schedules were maintained, and you enjoyed a good share of the western, north western and eastern business, destined for Wilmington. The shortest route to Wilmington for south western and southern business is via Atlanta over your line, and in surrendering your share of the western and eastern business, through the breaking down of your transportation service, you have also forfeited an equitable share of the southern and south western traffic moving via Atlanta. Of this latter business you at one time enjoyed the lion's share, and your schedule of 36 hours from Atlanta gave you a practical control. That you have lost this business bespeaks a most inadequate service and unintelligible indifference to your own interest as well as to the conservation of the well-being of this port. That you should think the province of your system, as respects Wilmington, is only to conserve the local traffic on the C. C. division, is a practical demonstration of the truth of my contention that you ignore the potential advantages of this port. Of course if it is against your policy to develop Wilmington, then you can have no concern other than for the local business, and your policy is intelligible upon no other hypothesis than that you have agreed to neglect Wilmington in consideration of an equivalent elsewhere.

3. I well recall your visit to Wilmington some years ago, as at that time you made a proposition to the business men of Wilmington so unbusiness like, and from their standpoint, so suicidal, that the occasion cannot be readily effaced. We asked you for a passenger service which we were entitled to on its own merits, and you came back with the proposition that you would give the additional passenger service if we would give you an equivalent in freights. At that time you were unable to handle with promptitude the business already offering, as your regular schedules were totally inadequate to move the business, and you were forced to run extra trains without any regularity. Indeed, the traffic was so congested at Hamlet, that it was frequently the case that shipments would remain there for a week, and sometimes longer; and this as respects both business destined for Wilmington and originating at Wilmington. Indeed, the condition was then, and has been ever since, so aggravated, that customers at Rockingham, only 7 miles from Hamlet, complained that they had to anticipate their wants from Wilmington at least ten days in order to have any assurance of being supplied when in need. What is true of Rockingham of course applies with equal force to points further west on the C. C. as well as points on the R. & A. In view of these facts of which you certainly cannot be ignorant, it is indeed surprising that you would contend that your service was, and is, adequate to meet all demands. As the result of this interview you did nothing more to meet the exigencies of the situation than to attach a passenger coach to a night train, whose schedule you changed. This schedule has never been maintained, and has always been so unreliable that the traveling public could not take advantage of it. Indeed, this train due to arrive in Wilmington at about 8 o'clock a. m generally reaches here from 11 to 2 o'clock and is equally as late in reaching the Hamlet destination.

As respects your statement that the C. C. is not a part of the through line of the Seaboard system, which suggestion is evidently made to excuse the poor service, I would like to ask in what respect your system differs in this particular from the Atlantic Coast Line. The A. C. L. maintains a most satisfactory service into and out of Wilmington, and occupies the same relation as respects a non-through line, as does the Seaboard.

4. As regards the terminals at Wilmington being remote from jobbing centres, and noting your admission that they are the same as were originally provided by the builders of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherfordton road, I would like to know when they became so remote from the jobbing centres as to seriously hinder business. At the time when you were receiving a fair share of the Wilmington business you occupied the same terminals that you do now, and these terminals are only two blocks distant from the A. C. L. terminals. Of course I have reference now to your freight terminals only, and as respects the delivery of goods received at Wilmington, you must be aware that the transfer service removes entirely the disadvantages of the location of your terminals.

5. As respects the competition for freight at Wilmington, it is perfectly clear that if it is not keen at this time, it is because you have voluntarily retired from the field. At one time, as has been shown, you received an equitable part of the Wilmington business and that you have lost your status here can only be because you have voluntarily withdrawn from the competition. Of course competition implies an efficiency of service, and when the policy of your system towards Wilmington is to furnish inadequate equipment, you cannot hope to maintain your former position. The A. C. L. maintains the most thorough equipment, and, therefore, gets the business, and I submit that you forfeit your charter rights when you wilfully deprive Wilmington of that competition which would be hers were your service here adequate. Moreover, competition is broad enough to include the item of the payment of claims and the quotation of rates. As I understand it, your Wilmington agency has not the power to adjust a claim originating at Wilmington for an amount in excess of $25,00 and for settlement of the smallest claim accruing on shipments out of Wilmington to a local point, the Wilmington agency is entirely powerless. As respects the powers of the Wilmington agency in reference to furnishing rates, it was never contended that this agency should be permitted to make rates, but only to quote them as authorized by your traffic manager and connecting roads, and to furnishing such information, for instance, as is supplied by your division assistant general freight agencies at Savannah, Atlanta and Jacksonville.

6. In reference to your sub-division No. 8, will say that it is nothing new in railroading for the primary line to prove a financial failure. At the time that the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherfordton road was built through to Rutherfordton, the country had not recovered from the ravages of war, and was of course comparatively undeveloped. The territory through which the C. C. R. R. passes is rich and susceptible of great development. I note your statement that the earnings of this road are larger now than ever in the past. This is undoubtedly true, but cannot claim this fact as the result of an enlightened policy on the part of your management. The country has undoubtedly developed, but in spite of the short-comings of the Seaboard rather than in virtue of the facilities offered. You admit that the local business has grown, and yet you have in the past two months, peremptorily and in defiance of law, discontinued a number of local stations between Wilmington and Hamlet. If these stations were necessary several years ago in view of the increase in local business, why are they not more necessary now? True, these stations have been restored, but not by your voluntary action; so that the fact that the business interests along this line are today enjoying the [illegible] stations for their necessary accommodations, is not due to your desire to conserve their interests, but to the force of law invoked by an aroused public sentiment.

7. As respects your sub-division No. 9, it is a notorious fact that you have refused to lay side tracks and connections necessary to gain business. Also, that the sidings and switchings at your terminals here are inadequate and in bad repair. You have persistently refused to build a platform for cotton, so that the cotton received over your line at Wilming has to be dumped on the ground, and exposed to the ravages of the weather. It is a generally accepted fact that your immunity from accident on your line from Wilmington to Hamlet is secured at the cost of the speed of your trains. Your passenger train due at Wilmington about noon is generally delayed, and the coming into and those going out of Wilmington in the most filthy condition.

Your passenger facilities here are most primitive, and the premises untidy and uninviting, and would not do credit to a flag station. There has been no improvement in your passenger depot for years, and your reception room is not a fit place for ladies. There is an air over the whole premises of untidiness, rot and decay. Not only this, but your passenger coaches on the C. C. division are old, dirty and dilapidated. In many of these coaches the seats are broken and unfit for use, and the accumulation of dust suggests great antiquity, while the passenger coaches on the other divisions of your system are in good condition and well kept. Now, as to the necessity for a more centrally located passenger depot, it will be noted that while the transfer service at Wilmington entirely overcomes this disadvantage of your freight terminals being two blocks farther from the business centre than are the freight terminals of the Atlantic Coast Line, there is no compensation for the inconvenient location of your passenger depot, hence, the suggestion for a union passenger depot.

Finally, it is a matter of deep regret that you should take such a contracted view of the Wilmington situation. You are not open to conviction, but deny every complaint and turn a deaf ear to every appeal. Unfortunately, your catagorical denial of all causes of complaint is no remedy. Our demands are moderate, and only such as the exigencies of the situation require, and we had hoped that an enlightened policy on the part of your management would have met our grievances in a liberal way. It seems that in this we are to be disappointed, and in conclusion I am forced to say that if I do not receive an expression of your purpose to grant the relief formulated in my former letter to you, by March 1st next, it will be taken as an evidence of your determination to do nothing, and without further notice the matter will be appealed to the corporation commission.

Yours truly,
J. A. TAYLOR,
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Beginning Monday, February 29th, 1904, Suburban Trolley Cars will not run beyond the Hammocks except on Sundays. This is necessary on account of repairing trestle.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 996,214 30
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		545 02
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		32,000 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		98,453 45
Due from State Banks and Bankers		133,317 94
Due from approved reserve agents		107,086 35
Notes of other National Banks	$3,500 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,951 03	
Specie	$20,500 00	
Legal tender notes	$81,000 00	—$106,951 03
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		5,400 00
Total		$1,803,768 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	70,137 87	—195,137 87
National Bank notes outstanding		125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	182,727 36	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	250,460 72	
Dividends unpaid	413 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	730,532 18	
Cashiers checks outstanding	20,689 96	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,358,630 22
Total		$1,803,768 09

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1903.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

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C. W. YATES,
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SCHEDULE

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Effective February 24, 1904.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M	5.15 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
†6.10 P. M.	7 00 P. M.	....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Freight will be received at Ninth and Orange streets depot from 9:00 to 10:00 A. M. daily except Sunday. No freight will be carried on passenger cars.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	....
Ar Weldon	4 56 p m	1 48 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 43
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 10 p m
Ar Wilson	11 32 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 20 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 48 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 52 a m
Ar Jacksonville	....	8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa	....	7 25 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 00 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 8 00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 15 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar 12 32 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

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W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:10 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:55 a m, Maxton 4:05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m. Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 35 a m	10 15 p m
Ar Monroe	9 10 a m	11 55 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	....
Ar Chester	10 30 a m	1 10 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 33 p m	3 31 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Atlanta	3 55 p m	7 30 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 15 a m	10 10 p m
Ar Columbia	10 30 a m	1 20 a m
Ar Savannah	7 00 p m	5 00 a m
Ar Tampa	6 15 a m	6 35 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	11 30 a m
Ar Norlina	3 23 a m	1 30 p m
Ar Portsmouth Ar Norfolk	7 50 a m	5 30 p m

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	10 55 a m
Ar Norlina	3 23 a m	1 20 p m
Ar Richmond	6 10 a m	4 56 p m
Ar Washington	9 50 a m	8 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 32 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 30 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.

Lv New York	12 55 p m
Lv Jersey City	1 15 p m
Lv Philadelphia	3 25 p m
Lv Baltimore	5 45 p m
Lv Washington	7 00 p m
Lv Richmond	10 25 p m
Ar Raleigh (Johnson St)	2 10 a m
Ar Southern Pines	3 54 a m
Lv Hamlet	4 50 a m
Ar Camden	6 35 a m
Ar Columbia (E. T.)	7 24 a m
Lv Columbia (C. T.)	6 29 a m
Ar Savannah	9 45 a m
Ar Thalmann	11 24 a m
Ar Jacksonville	1 20 p m
Lv Jacksonville	1 30 p m
Ar St. Augustine	2 30 p m

NORTHBOUND.

Lv St. Augustine	12 10 p m
Ar Jacksonville	1 10 p m
Lv Jacksonville	4 20 p m
Lv Thalmann	3 07 P M
Lv Savannah	5 00 p m
Ar Columbia (C. T.)	8 30 p m
Lv Columbia (E. T.)	9 25 p m
Lv Camden	10 14 p m
Ar Hamlet	11 55 p m
Ar Southern Pines	12 45 p m
Lv Raleigh	2 42 a m
Ar Richmond	6 45 a m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	11 32 a m
Ar Philadelphia	1 45 p m
Ar Jersey City	3 55 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m

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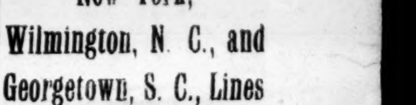

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 1.

TROOPS GUARD THE JAIL AT MERIDIAN, MISS.

To Protect a Negro Who Killed One Mail Clerk, Shot Another, Robbed the Mail Car and Escaped

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MERIDIAN, MISS., Feb. 29.—Three full companies of State troops to-night surround the county jail here, in which is lodged J. P. Paris, a negro, who is charged with the killing of John R. Stockton, a mail clerk, the seriously wounding of J. A. Bass, another clerk, and the robbery of the mail car on the Alabama Great Southern train which left this city early this morning for Birmingham.

Paris was captured early to-day, blood hounds following a bloody trail, strewn with bits of registered letters and other mail matter from the scene of the hold-up to a negro cabin, where Paris was found. As soon as the capture of the supposed bandit was noised abroad, there were indications that a mob might attempt to lynch him, and the sheriff of this county immediately notified the Governor by telegraph. Very promptly Governor Vandemann wired Major Dement, of this city, to call out the State militia and to protect the negro prisoner, "at all hazards."

The two militia companies here and one from Newton were put under arms at once and to-night were drawn about the jail square, permitting no one to enter without a pass from the commander.

The train had stopped at the Mobile and Ohio railroad crossing, when a negro sprang into the mail car and without warning, opened fire on the two clerks and a mail weigher, named Ivans. At the first shot Stockton fell dead, shot in the mouth. Bass was hit in the shoulder and arm, and fell unconscious. Ivans escaped injury by jumping from the car into the darkness.

The negro seized a through registered mail pouch and sprang from the car. The firing had not attracted the attention of any of the train crew and the train started forward. Bass regained consciousness before the train had gained full momentum, and though severely wounded, crawled to the emergency hospital and succeeded in bringing the train to a stop.

The train was then backed into Meridian, and the chase of the bandit begun. Bloodhounds took the trail and followed it to the cabin, where Paris was captured.

Paris was taken before the mail clerk and identified by him as the bandit who perpetrated the robbery. A special session of court has been called to try the prisoner. It is thought that more than one person was implicated in the robbery, and the negro's family has been placed under arrest.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

Decision in the Dispensary Case from the State of South Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—In the United States Court of Claims to-day the chief justice announced, in the case of the State of South Carolina against the United States, to recover various sums paid by the State of South Carolina as special taxes for the sale of liquors in the State at the various dispensaries by the officials in charge of these dispensaries, that the petition of the State of South Carolina was dismissed and that the opinion would be handed down to-morrow.

This is one of the most important cases that has come before Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes for decision since he has been in office. The State of South Carolina made claim before him for the refund of these taxes upon the ground that the State dispensary law was constitutional, as decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, and that the collection of these taxes was in reality a tax levied upon State officials and therefore upon the exercise of a governmental function and power. The commissioner rejected the claim and suit was then brought in the Court of Claims and by its decision Mr Yerkes is sustained.

WRECK ON THE A. C. L.

Engineer, Fireman and Porter Injured. Work of Train Wreckers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 29.—Wes bound passenger train No. 90, on the Atlantic Coast Line, was wrecked this morning at Alapaha, Ga., by running into an open switch. Engineer Potter saw two men at the switch fooling with it and applied the brakes, but was too close to stop his train. The train collided with freight cars on the siding and the engineer, fireman and porter were injured. The lock on the switch had been broken by the wreckers. An unknown white man has been arrested at Alapaha in connection with the matter. Atlantic Coast Line detectives are of the opinion that the wreck grew out of the strike now on. Detectives and officers with bloodhounds are on the trail from the broken switch.

MENTAL SCIENCE HEALER.

Sentenced to One Year Imprisonment for Fraudulent Use of Mails.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 29.—In the United States Court to-day, sentence was passed upon Mrs. Helen Wilmans Post, the mental science healer, convicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The sentence was that she be confined for one year and one day in the penitentiary at Nashville, Tenn. An appeal was at once taken and granted and bond fixed at $1,000, which was given. The case now goes to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but he writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds and Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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FIRST SHOTS OF THE WAR ON LAND.

Encounter Between Russian Cavalry and Japanese Outposts at Ping Yang.

RUSSIAN FORCE RETIRED.

A General Engagement Not Expected to Occur for Some Time—Both Sides Increasing Their Forces and Strengthening Positions.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Feb. 28, (Sunday)—The first shots of the war on land were exchanged to-day at Ping Yang. A small detachment of Russian cavalry, evidently scouts, appeared this morning to the northward of the town. The Japanese outposts opened fire from a range of 1,700 metres and the Russians retired.

The telegram reporting the incident fails to mention any casualties. It is presumed there were none on account of the small number of men engaged, and the distance separating the opposing armies.

It is reported here that there will be a small engagement soon, somewhere in Northern Corea where the Russians are scouting over an extended area, close to the Japanese positions, but a general engagement is not expected to occur for some time. The Russian force south of the Yalu river is inconsiderable, its greatest strength seeming to be in the vicinity of Wiju. North of the Yalu, the Russian army is constantly increasing in numbers and is being mobilized, but the chances of it assuming the offensive are slight.

The Japanese are constantly strengthening their positions and increasing their forces in Corea.

CHE FOO, February 29.—The Twenty-ninth Japanese infantry, occupying Ping Yang, midway between Seoul and the Yalu river, on Sunday met a body of Russian cavalry scouts north of Ping Yang and drove them back.

It is estimated that 60,000 Japanese troops have land at Chemulpo. The transports now are not escorted by war vessels.

The Japanese sailors who manned the merchant vessels which were sunk at Port Arthur, on landing here, shaved their heads as a mark of the disgrace they felt at the failure of the project. The crew of the Jinsen Maru wrote their names on the foremast flag, which remained above water when the ship went down.

Another Attack on Port Arthur.

LIAO YANG, MANCHURIA, Feb. 29.—Foreigners living at Yinkow say that the Japanese fleet has received orders to attack and capture Port Arthur March 1st at all costs.

LONDON, March 1.—A dispatch to the "Daily Telegraph" from Yinkow, dated February 29th, says:

"Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition. The Novik was badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged.

"The Japanese withdrew in good order."

Japanese in China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—An official news agency to-day published the following dispatch:

"*Port Arthur, Feb. 29.*—According to advices from Pekin Prince Ching has pointed out to the Japanese minister that the attitude of the Japanese living in China, who for more than a week have been spreading mendacious reports, is calculated to cause a rising of the Chinese population against the Europeans. The prince, therefore, requested the Japanese minister to take the necessary preventative measures.

"It is confirmed that a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer was blown up and another sunk during the recent fighting. The wreck of the latter was subsequently washed ashore."

Crossing Lake Baikal.

MYSSOWA, SIBERIA, Feb. 29.—Crossing over Lake Baikal for those not going by the ice railroad is comfortably organized. At every seven versts are warm barracks with tea and hot food for the soldiers, who easily march over in one day, the baggage and food having been conveyed by horses drawing trucks. In the middle of the lake are stand and refreshment rooms for officers and civilians driving across in sledges. Telephones connect the barracks with the shore stations. The weather is fine but very cold.

Affairs at Harbin.

HARBIN, MANCHURIA, Feb. 29.—The town is quiet and the Chinese are working willingly, providing food for the Russian community and collecting considerable sums for the hospital trains, which are being prepared.

Satisfactory Statement.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—The statement which has been made by the commander of the United States gunboat Vicksburg regarding the Chemulpo affair was communicated to the Foreign Office by the Associated Press correspondent, and was received as a complete and satisfactory explanation. Regrets were expressed that the incident had created so much feeling here.

"We had no official advices on the subject," said an official, "but as the incident was attracting much attention here it is a souurce of gratification to learn that the statements made were not only untrue, but that the Vicksburg was the first to render aid. We desire to preserve the most amicable relations with the American republic, and when the truth is generally known it will doubtless go far to allay the irritation caused by the original report."

Cossacks in Corea.

LIAO YANG, Feb. 29.—Gen Mishtchenko with a detachment of Mounted Cossacks has reached Kasanja, Corea, and is expected to arrive at Ichio-Yang to-day. His men and horses are in good condition and he is well supplied with provisions.

The Corean officials are fleeing from the places traversed and are informing the Japanese of the approach of the Russians.

The Cossacks have seized the telegraph line in North Corea. A Japanese major, Tog Tazusiro, and five men, captured by the Cossacks at Wiju, have been brought to Yiao-Yang.

The concentration of Chinese troops westward of Mukden, in the district of Gubantsa, is not relished by the Russians. War material is being brought up and the militia posts are being strengthened. It is doubted if the attitude of the population can be relied upon. The people at several points refuse to sell produce to the Russians.

Snow storms are raging here and frost is intense.

The railroad is working perfectly and troops are arriving uninterruptedly. Their health and spirits are excellent.

Americans in Seoul.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—U. S. Minister Allen cables the State Department from Seoul that in pursuance of an arrangement he has made with the Japanese minister, a returning transport will bring Americans from Ping Yang, a point in Northwest Corea, near the border of Manchuria. The Americans in Seoul and vicinity have already been sent to the Philippines

Mr. Allen says that Russian scouts, on arriving at Ping Yang yesterday, were pursued by the Japanese

A Breach of Neutrality.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—If an attempt is made to lay a cable from the Island of Guam to Japan during the continuance of hostilities it will be regarded as contraband of war under the proclamation promulgated yesterday. As pointed out to the Associated Press correspondent, the proclamation is specific on this question, and it is not believed here that the United States will undertake or authorize such a cable now, as it would constitute a breach of neutrality, according to the Russian view.

A BATTLE WITH THE MOROS.

Engagement at Jolo With the Remnants of Hassan's Band—Entire Body Either Dead or Captured

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—General Wade, in a cablegram to the War Department, dated Manila, yesterday, advises the department of a report of General Wood concerning an engagement at Jolo, on the 14th instant with the remnants of Hassan's Cottamoros. The American expedition was in charge of Major Hugh L. Scott. During the fight General Wood states firing twice was stopped to give the Moros a chance to surrender but they declined.

The entire body, he adds, with the exception of Hassan is either dead or captured, and Hassan is located. Second Lieutenant Eugene P. West, Eighteenth battery field artillery was seriously wounded in the thigh. A number of troopers also were wounded.

It is said at the department that this destruction of Hassan's band is a case of retributive justice. Major Scott suffered at the hands of this fanatical Moro. The chief enticed the major off into the jungle, pretending to be friendly, and in ambush shot him. Since that time Major Scott has been on his trail and has now destroyed his band. Hassan, who was priest, is one of the irreconcilables. When the navy was making some surveys a year ago off the coast of Jolo, Hassan construed the setting up of survey marks as an act of hostility and attacked the troops. He came into General Sumner's headquarters under summons, but made his escape and ever since has been at war. His band is believed to have numbered about 600, and if entirely destroyed as the cablegram reports, the battle must have been of some proportions.

ISTHMIAN CANAL.

Members of the Commission Nominated by the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission—Rear Admiral John G. Walker, U. S. N., retired, District of Columbia. Members of the Isthmian Canal Commission—Major General George W. Davis, U. S. A., retired, District of Columbia; William Barclay Parsons, New York; William H. Burr, New York; Benjamin M. Harrod, Louisiana; Carl Ewald Grumsky, California; Frank J. Hecker, Michigan.

The commission as constituted by the President is essentially a body of engineers, six of the seven members having distinguished themselves in engineering works.

It seems likely now that the commission, as a body, will go to Panama within a month. Preliminary work will be begun immediately.

TWELVE LIVES LOST.

Eleven Small Children and a Woman Perished in a Burning House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROBEVAL, QUEBEC, Feb. 29.—Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Guay, at St. Felicien to-day. When the fire was first noticed by neighbors, who live at some distance, the house had been burned to the ground. In it at the time were the eight small children of Thomas Guay and Mrs. Philip Gagon and her three small children. All were burned to death. Both Gagnon and Guay, the fathers, were absent working in the woods.

BLACK PATTI THURSDAY NIGHT.

Coming of Well Known Colored Aggregation of Talented Performers.

The Black Patti Troubadours, with a brand new budget of songs, stories, dances and specialties, are coming to the Academy on Thursday, March 3rd. Mme. Sisseretta Jones, the world famous Black Patti and the most accomplished singer of her race, will be heard in a number of new and popular ballads, and the operatic review will include several new and pleasing solos and choral numbers. There will be no lack of funny features and smart dancing specialties.

Bob Kelly, who is unquestionably the most entertaining colored commedian in America, will be seen in his funny role "Josiah" in the Darktown's Circus Day" skit, and incidentally tell of his trials, troubles and tribulations when he was "be'fo de Judge."

As usual half the parquet will be reserved for the whites; prices 75c. and $1.00.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Property Which Exchanged Hands by Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday.

Mrs. Elsie McGuire and son, James E. McGuire to James E. Martin, for $150, property on west side of MacRae street.

John J. Fowler and wife to L. W. Davis, for $150, property 120 feet east of Front street and 66 feet north of Church street, 15 feet parallel with Front and 50 feet with Church street.

William J. Cotton and wife, of Phoenix, Arizona, to L. W. Davis, for $3,200, property on north side of Market 148½ feet east of Water street; 16½x92 feet, more or less.

A committee of citizens from Fredericksburg, Va., examined and accepted the model of a statue of General Mercer, of Revolutionary war fame, made by Sculptor Valentine, of Richmond. It is to be put up in Fredericksburg and is to cost $25,000.

The one great virtue of Burnett's Vanilla Extract is purity. It is real vanilla extract and nothing but vanilla extract. Always use Burnett's.

NEGRO VISITORS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Political Debate During Consideration of District of Columbia Appropriations.

BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.

Architectural Changes Made in the White House Criticised in the Senate—The Washington Postoffice Described as an Abomination.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The architectural changes made in the White House were the subject of a large share of to-day's discussion in the Senate, and they were generally criticised as falling far short of the improvements which should have been secured with the $500,000 appropriated for the purpose. The discussion arose in connection with the consideration of the bill providing for the erection of a building for the joint use of the departments of state, justice, and commerce and labor. The Senate bill was the special order for the day and its consideration was not concluded.

Mr. Cockrell thought there were second class lawyers' offices all over the country better than the executive office on the White House grounds.

Mr. Tillman styled the President's office an abortion and the Washington postoffice an abomination.

Mr. Bailey called attention to the needs of an office building for the use of senators, saying that the Senate annex was so unsafe that senators were not allowed to carry books to their rooms in that building. He thought a safe building for senators the most urgent building need of the government.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

During the consideration of the District of Columbia Appropriation bill in the House, Mr. Scott, of Kansas, made the declaration that a negro had dined at the White House with President Cleveland during the latter's first administration. The statement was prompted by a reference by Mr. Gilbert, of Kentucky, to the dining of Booker Washington at the White House. Mr. Gilbert and others on the minority side said they had never heard of the incident, and when the name was demanded Mr. Scott said it was C. H. J. Taylor, who was appointed by President Cleveland as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia.

Referring to the declaration of a Republican platform for "freedom and equality," Mr. Gilbert mentioned the retention of Mrs. Cox as postmaster at Indianola, Miss., and to the appointment of Crum as collector at Charleston, S. C., and he made reference to the dining of Booker Washington at the White House, undertaking to describe the seating of the President's family at the table.

Mr. Scott, of Kansas, asked Mr. Gilbert if he would criticise a Democratic President if he should have a negro to dine with him as severely as he criticised President Roosevelt?

"An impossible assumption," declared Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Scott asked him if he did not know that a negro dined at the White House during President Cleveland's first administration, to which Mr. Gilbert replied that the Democrats were not particularly claiming Mr. Cleveland, and that he was not a first-class Democrat.

Mr. Scott then said that C. H. J. Taylor, a negro from Kansas, was brought to Washington and was taken to the White House when Mr. Cleveland invited him to dine with him, which invitation, he said, was accepted.

Mr. Scott drew a contrast between Washington and Taylor, saying the former was a man of recognized ability and had been the guest of distinguished people at home and abroad, including Queen Victoria, and declared that the latter had nothing to commend him save the claim that he carried the Democratic negro vote in his pocket. He said further that Taylor had been appointed to a position in Washington. "And by Cleveland," suggested a voice on the Republican side.

Continuing, Mr. Gilbert said that in the Spanish war there were General Miles, commanding general of the army, Admiral Dewey at Manila, Admiral Schley, Generals Lee, Wheeler and Bell, all of whom were Democrats. On the other side he said there was a member of the Republican cabinet accused of sending embalmed beef to the soldiers. "Then," he said, "there was a Republican horse doctor sent to Cuba who was accused of befriending the gamblers and lawbreakers." He referred to the conviction of Rathbone and Neeley, and alluded to General Funston, who, he charged, had violated the rules of civilized warfare in wearing the uniform of an enemy in the capture of Aguinaldo. He next referred to General Davis, "who," he said, "sold rice and other provisions to starving natives at enormous profits."

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, responding to Mr. Dalzell, asked the majority why they did not pass the Kasson treaties which he said represented McKinley reciprocity.

Mr. Levering, of Massachusetts, aroused the minority to applause when he declared that "while we are talking about standing pat, the great ship of business is drifting on the rocks and our boasted prosperity is fast coming to an end."

Mr. Levering prefaced this by saying that millions of dollars had been lost to manufacturers and thousands of laborers had been deprived of work because the government had not enlarged the draw-back system.

He said the manufacturers wanted an outlet for their surplus products and that the demand for the new markets caused them to realize that production had passed beyond domestic consumption and therefore relief must be afforded. He urged the South to increase the output of cotton, and said immigration was greatly needed in the South. These things, he said, would materially aid in the solution of the race question.

A number of the Southern members congratulated Mr. Levering when he had concluded.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

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Come get your's quick. Do not send out or exchange.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Lost—Pointer puppy, white and black, four to five months old. Finder will be rewarded by returning him to Albert Solomon, 517 Market street. mar 1 1t.

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Heat your bath room with a gas radiator—$1.60 tubing and radiator. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. mar 1 1t

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Thirty loaves Washington Bread for $1.00 or three for 10 cents, at Farriss', 109 South Front street. feb 24 tf

Comfortable accommodations and good board at Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. $3.50 per week. feb 3 1m

The Only Restaurant is prepared to accommodate any number for breakfast, dinner and supper at the reasonable price of 25 cents each meal. Also special attention given to short orders at any time, day or night. ja 26 tf

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For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

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Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

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Annual Report

To the North Carolina Corporation Commission of the North Carolina Home Building Association of Wilmington, N. C., for the year ending December 31st, 1903.

ASSETS.	
Loans on bond and mortgage (face value)	$ 67,665 00
Loans on other securities	10,565 00
Cash on hand and in bank	207 62
Furniture and fixtures	43 07
Total	$ 78 480 69
LIABILITIES.	
Due shareholders, due installments paid	$ 65 447 00
Due shareholders, earnings credited	2 942 70
Borrowed money	5 106 08
Surplus	4,984 91
Total	$ 78,480 69

Report for the year ending December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand January 1, 1903	$ 13 16
Subscriptions on shares	23,081 00
Mortgages redeemed (in whole or part)	10 680 00
Other loans redeemed	8,436 50
Interest received	4,134 09
Fines received	48 65
Withdrawals	39 00
Initiations	233 25
Gen'l profit & loss (cash over)	42
Bills payable	9,606 08
Transfers	3 25
Insurance	12 90
Total	$ 50,688 30
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Loaned on mortgage	$ 24,025 00
Loaned on other securities	5,917 00
Paid on withdrawals, dues	10,333 04
Paid on withdrawals, dividends	264 83
Salaries	600 00
Advertising and printing	116 00
Interest paid	159 37
Filing report Corp. Com	5 00
Agent's certificate 50c, Notary fee 50c	1 00
Filing report Sec. of State	1 00
State tax	52 21
School and County Tax	106 23
Bills payable	8 900 00
Cash on hand	207 62
Total	$ 50,688 30
Amount of authorized capital	$200,000 00
Par value of each share	100 00
Number of shares sold during the year	983
Number of shares cancelled and withdrawn during the year	156
Number of shares in force at the end of the year	2,025

In conformity with law, I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the sworn statement of the North Carolina Home Building Association, Wilmington, on December 31st, 1903, now on file in the office of the North Carolina Commission.

FRANKLIN McNEILL, Chairman.

H. C. BROWN, Clerk.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } ss.

C. W. Yates, President, and Frank H. Stedman, Secretary of the North Carolina Home Building Association, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing statement and report are true in all respects, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

C. W. YATES, President.
FRANK H. STEDMAN.

Sworn to before me, this 23rd day of February, 1904.
JNO. B. PESCHAU,
Notary Public.

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An Unusual Offering in Wash Dress Stuffs.

Here's fine news for women who are planning wash Dresses, Waists and Shirt Waist Suits. Here's an opportunity that comes but seldom—a chance to get the best and most beautiful 1904 washable fabrics for very much less than the current prices for these goods would warrant our asking for them.

Through pure good luck we are able to offer these bright, fresh Spring Goods at a time when there's the liveliest kind of demand for them. What you will save is the loss of a jobbing firm, a part of whose over-stock we secured at remarkably low figures.

There are yards and yards of the newest and most desirable weaves, in the daintiest and prettiest of the Spring designs and colors. All the popular cotton fabrics are here; plenty of white stuffs among them—for white will be a great favorite for this Summer's dresses.

A beautiful line of Persian Lawns that range in price from 10c, 12½c and 15c, 20c and 25c per yard.

India linens, book-fold, clean new goods at 4½c per yard, and a little better for 5c and a very good quality at 8c per yard. The best line in the city for the price at 10c per yard; 12½c and 15c linens are strong numbers with us and are a popular price goods and we are giving the people the best that money can buy. Those who want better lines, we have them We have looked well to your wants and have bought them for 20c and 25c per yard. The high price in these linens do not represent profit, but means value, of which the ladies are better judges than most men. Our colored goods in the latest, daintiest styles we think are winners. We have a line of Fantasie Silk Tissues that are beautiful, rich and sheer; they are 50c. values, but our price is 35c. Embroidered dotted Swisses in white and colors. These goods make swell evening dresses and bridal gowns. They are not high, and the quality is far in excess of the price, being only 12½c., 15c., 20c. and 25c. a yard. The next article is a lot which we picked up 25 per cent. less than value and which I am now offering to my customers. This is Batiste Roxane, and the price of the goods is 20c. a yard. I am now offering these goods at 12½c. a yard.

Colored Piques: they are beauties; will not fade and will stand washing and boiling; the groundwork is white and the patterns are neat and dainty. If I should ask their value, I would get 12½c. a yard, but now they are on sale at 10 cents a yard.

Pinder Batiste; it is 32 inches wide, is a washable fabric, dainty little patterns, and an extra good wearer, makes pretty gowns and is cheap at 6c yd.

Madras Dimity Cloth is a special thread fabric that has superior qualities for wearing; the patterns are neat and the price is 10c a yd.

Some short pieces of White Pique; while they last they are 10c; they are 34 inches wide.

Mercerized striped and fancy figured Madras; only a few hundred yards left; they are goods that are worth 25c a yard; strictly this season's patterns; our price is 18c a yard.

Mercerized basket weave Madras in small dot designs are 25c. We have some very fine Madras in basket weaves that are prettier than silk and wear a great deal better which are of 75c values, now 65c a yard.

A yard wide Madras Gingham, something that is scarce and hard to get for children's clothes, and is shown only in small pieces, which we sell for only 10c while it lasts.

We have 2,000 yards of Percale that we have picked up in from ten to twenty yard pieces. They are light shades and Spring patterns; they are now 8c a yard and would be cheap at 10c a yard.

A 36-inch Chambra at 10c a yard; think of it. In Violes, we have several pretty styles; it is washable cotton goods, at 15c a yard. We have just put on display to day a splendid assortment of all Voile in dainty light green, also, the cream and white, black and several colors. These goods usually sell for 69c; we will sell them at 49c.

In Coverts, we have them at 10c and 12½c.

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Men's	$ 7.50 Suits	Now	$6 25	Men's	$5 00 Pants	Now	$3.75
Men's	10.00 Suits	Now	8 25	Men's	4 00 Pants	Now	3.00
Men's	11.00 Suits	Now	8.75	Men's	3 50 Pants	Now	2.75
Men's	12.50 Suits	Now	10 75	Men's	3 00 Pants	Now	2 25
Men's	13 50 Suits	Now	10 75	Boy's	3 00 Suits	Now	2 25
Men's	12.50 Suits	Now	12.50	Boy's	4 00 Suits	Now	3 00
Men's	16 50 Suits	Now	13.50	Boy's	5.00 Suits	Now	3 50

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A complete line of Boys' Suits and Knee Pants in all sizes, at greatly reduced prices. Fifty dozen Sample Top Shirts will be sold for 35 each. Remember this sale is for two weeks only; so be on hand for your bargains.

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